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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BILLFISH MEETING JULY 11-13

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1. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS NOT FORMALY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO PROPOSED BILLFISH MEETING, WE EXPECT THEM TO DO SO WITHIN A WEEK.

2. FISHATT AND YONEZAWA OF FISHERIES AGENCY HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED MEETING AND WAYS TO ENSURE USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS. YONEZAWA REQUESTED THAT USG PROVIDE GOJ WITH ITS PROPOSALS FOR REDUCING INCIDENTAL CATCH OF BILLFISH BY JUNE 20. HE WAS REMINDED BY FISHATT THAT JAPAN MAY BE IN BETTER POSITION TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS BECAUSE 1) JAPANESE FISHERMEN AND NOT U.S. FISHERMEN CARRYOUT LONGLINE FISHERY AND THUS ARE PROBABLY MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN ANYONE IN U.S. ON BEHAVIOR OF BILLFISH DURING THE FISHING OPERATION AND 2) JAPAN HAS BEEN PRIMARY COLLECTOR OF LONGLINE TUNA AND BILLFISH CATCH STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS SO ALREADY ITS SCIENTISTS HAVE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE ON ABUNDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLFISH. YONEZAWA AGREED THAT THESE WERE VALID POINTS. HE AND FISHATT

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FEEL THAT IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE FOR SCIENTISTS FROM TWO SIDES TO MEET FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO MAIN MEEETING TO REVIEW DATA AND HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS READY BY THE TIME MEETING STARTS JULY 11 BECAUSE OF SHORT NOTICE OF MEETING, YONEZAWA NOT CERTAIN THAT JAPAN SCIENTISTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE NOR DID FISHATT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON FURTHER DISCUSSIONS,
ESPECIALLY, WHETHER USG WILLING TO AGREE TO MEETING
OF SCIENTISTS BEFORE MAIN JULY 11-13 SESSION. ALSO
BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE TO PROVIDE GOJ MORE DEFINITIVE
DESCRIPTION OF AREA OF CONCERN.

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